

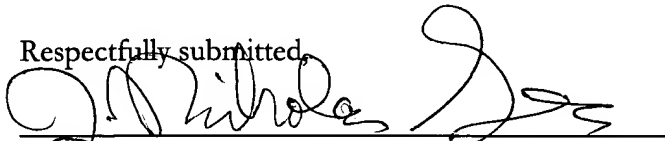
Remarks

Claims 75 – 82 and 89 - 93 are pending. Claims 69 – 74 and 83 – 88 are canceled without prejudice or waiver to re-file so as to secure early allowance of the present application.

Since the remaining rejections have been rendered moot by the cancellation of the rejected subject matter, Applicant submits that the present case is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case at any time, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nicholas Gross', is written over a horizontal line.

J. Nicholas Gross, Attorney at Law
Registration No. 34,175
Attorney for Applicant

March 25, 2005
726 Duboce Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94117
Tel. (415) 355-9800